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TONY STARK

IRON MAN

THE
ULTRON
AGENDA
PART TWO



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Billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark was kidnapped during a routine weapons test. His captors attempted to force him to build a weapon of mass destruction. Instead he created a powered suit of armor that saved his life. From that day on, he used the suit to protect the world as the invincible Avenger Iron Man.

TONY STARK **IRON MAN**

THE ULTRON AGENDA **PART TWO: HEART OF STEEL**

Tony is still struggling with the belief that he's merely a simulation of the true Tony Stark, a burden only made heavier by the loss of Jocasta, who quit Stark Unlimited and turned to Arno Stark for his help in upgrading her humanity.

But before Arno could act, he was interrupted by a hybrid of Hank Pym and Ultron, who planned to fuse their former partners, Jocasta and Janet Van Dyne, into a hybrid as well. Tony arrived just in time to intervene but ultimately found himself in the blast radius of the molecular fusion pods. The result was catastrophic: Tony has now been fused with his armor!

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THE HOLY IMAGE OF ULTRON PYM!

JOIN US!

JOIN US!



GET BACK! GET AWAY!

BRATTATTA

RHOPEY, CEASE FIRE! THOSE ARE PEOPLE! WE HAVE TO RESTRAIN AND CURE THEM, NOT BLOW THEM TO BITS!



LOOK AT THEM, BETHANY. THERE'S NO CURE FOR THAT.

TOO MUCH OF THEM IS GONE.

I WAS TURNED INTO A CYBORG ONCE, AND I CAN TELL YOU FROM EXPERIENCE... IF THESE PEOPLE WERE IN THEIR RIGHT MINDS, THEY'D THANK ME!



SPANG

SPANG

TANG

SPANG

TANG

NO!

THIS IS NOT DEATH... BUT NEW LIFE!

THE GLORIOUS FUSION OF MAN AND TECHNOLOGY! A MIRACLE MASTER ULTRON WILL SHARE WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD--



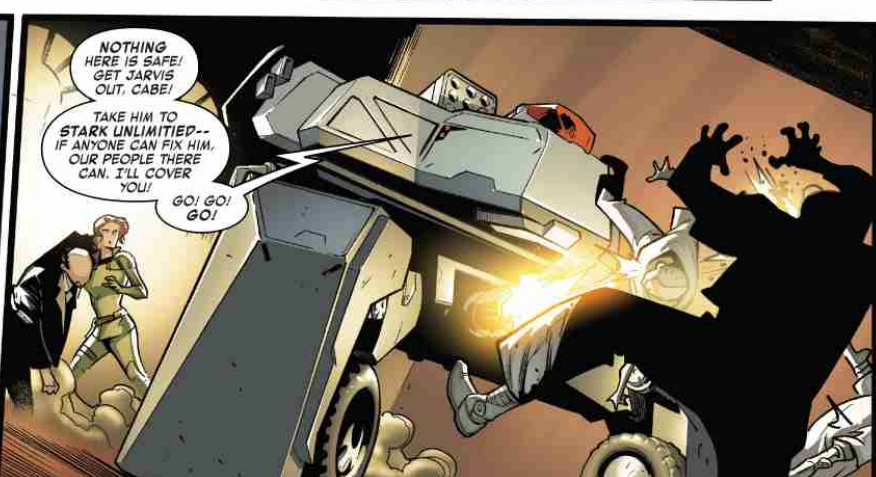
WHAT'S PEAP IS PEAP!



OH MY... NO...



SORRY, JARVIS... BUT IT'S SAFER IF YOU'RE UNCONSCIOUS. FOR YOU AND ME.



NOTHING HERE IS SAFE! GET JARVIS OUT, CABE!

TAKE HIM TO STARK UNLIMITED-- IF ANYONE CAN FIX HIM, OUR PEOPLE THERE CAN. I'LL COVER YOU!

GO! GO! GO!



I'LL GO...BUT IF OUR TEAM CAN FIX JARVIS, THEY CAN FIX THESE PEOPLE TOO!



USE LETHAL FORCE ONLY AS A LAST RESORT!

ALL RIGHT, ONLY IF IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

AND IT IS.

ULTRON NEEDED JARVIS TO PASS FOR NORMAL...HAD TO LEAVE HIM MOSTLY INTACT. SO THERE'S A CHANCE HE CAN BE RETURNED TO HIS NORMAL SELF AGAIN. BUT THE OTHERS...HE STRIPPED AWAY EVERYTHING.

THE BEST THING I CAN DO FOR THEM IS PUT THEM OUT OF THEIR--



WHAT THE HELL--?

BRAKASSHH

TONY! LOOK
AT YOU! YOU'RE
BEAUTIFUL!
HOW DO YOU
DO IT?

OUT OF
SHEER LUCK,
YOU'VE RECEIVED THE
GIFT I'M ABOUT TO
BESTOW ON ALL OF
HUMANITY--

--THE
PERFECT
UNION OF
FLESH AND
METAL!

DAMN YOU,
HANK--SKZZT--
IF THERE'S ANY OF
YOU LEFT IN THERE--
TZTZ--THIS IS
NO GIFT!

I CAN FEEL
IT KILLING
ME!

RHOPEY!
DON'T SHOOT!
THAT'S REALLY
TONY!



SHZZBOOOM

I G-G-CAN'T
LET YOU DO
THIS TO ANYONE
ELSE--KRTZZ--

--THIS
S-S-STOPS
HERE!

TONY, MY
OLD FRIEND, IF
YOU'RE IN PAIN...
IF THE PROCESS
ISN'T
COMPLETE...

...REST. LET ME
FIX IT. TRUST US,
YOU'LL FEEL LIKE
A NEW MAN.

WASP!
JAN, WHAT
HAPPENED?



"...WHERE'S
JOCASTA?"

BELOW...

NNH...I HAD
TO ADD FLESH.
JUST IN TIME FOR IT
TO HURT...

AARON! CAN
YOU HEAR ME?
ARE YOU
FUNCTIONAL?

I'LL--FZZT--
BE FINE, JOCASTA.
SELF-REPAIR
INITIATED.

I'M NOT THE
EX YOU SHOULD
WORRY ABOUT.
YOU NEED TO HELP
THE OTHERS STOP
ULTRON.

HOW? I'M
MISSING A LEG AND
AN ARM...I CAN'T
EVEN STAND.

HERE--TAKE MY LIMBS!
THEY SHOULD HELP
YOU GET BACK ON
YOUR FEET.

OR, RATHER,
OURS.

AARON,
YOU'RE GLITCHING.
THAT'LL NEVER
WORK.

OF COURSE IT WILL. IF
THERE'S ONE THING I
KNOW FOR SURE...

...IT'S THAT YOU
AND I--WE'RE
COMPATIBLE.

YOU'RE
RIGHT. YOUR
LIMBS FEEL...
GOOD.

WILL YOU
BE OKAY LIKE
THIS?

MORE
THAN OKAY. GIVE
ULTRON HELL. HIT
THE FLESHY
SIDE.

AND NAIL
HIM WITH MY LEFT
HOOK...IT'S MY
BEST MOVE!

BAINTRONICS.

ARNO STARK'S LAB.

ARNO STARK!
ARE YOU EVEN
LISTENING? THIS IS
ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU
BROUGHT JOCASTA
HERE. WHICH LURED
ULTRON TO MY
DOORSTEP.

NOW I'VE
GOT A DOZEN
DEAD SECURITY
GUARDS! MY HEAD
OF SECURITY, THE
GAUNTLET, IS IN
THE I.C.U....

...AND
I'M HORRIBLY
DISFIGURED!

NOTHING IS FOR LIFE ANYMORE, SUNSET.
"FOR LIFE" IMPLIES EVENTUAL DEATH...
AND I'VE JUST CONQUERED BOTH.

MY EXPERIMENTS WITH
JOCASTA WERE JUST...GROUND-
WORK. NOW I'M CONFIDENT I CAN
CREATE LIVING, BREATHING HUMAN
BODIES...

...WITH THEIR
BRAIN ENGRAMS
ELECTRONICALLY
RESTORED.

THIS TECHNOLOGY, MS. BAIN, IS
WHAT REWROTE MY OWN DNA
TO REMOVE A CONGENITAL
DISEASE...

...AND ALLOWED
MY BROTHER, TONY,
AND HIS FRIEND JAMES
RHODES TO COME
BACK FROM NEAR
DEATH.

NOW THAT
I'VE PERFECTED IT...

...I'M GOING TO USE IT TO
BRING HOWARD AND MARIA
STARK, MY PARENTS--

--BACK
TO LIFE.



CAN
IT FIX MY
SCAR?

AVENGERS MANSION.



I HAVE TO ADMIT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THIS. AS ULTRON AND HANK PYM.

YEAH? I'VE GOT A WITTY REJOINDER FOR BOTH OF YOU-- TZZT--



IN YOUR FACE!

POW!



ADAMANTIUM. AND A FORCE-FIELD OVER THE ORGANICS.

OKAY, THAT'S... ANNOYING.

IT TOOK ALL OF THE AVENGERS TO STOP ME BEFORE. WHAT MAKES YOU--



MACHINE MAN? REALLY?

YOU CAME BACK FOR MORE?



WE DID.

YOU DEMANDED I ACCEPT YOUR HAND IN MARRIAGE.

WHABAMM

I TOOK
AARON'S
INSTEAD.

OH, TONY...
THE MOLECULAR
FUSION BLAST...YOU
TOOK IT FOR US!
ARE YOU--

I CAN...
KZZT...STILL
FIGHT...
KINDA...

HE'S IN
AGONY...BUT I
CAN'T TELL WHETHER
THAT'S FROM THE
FUSION, ULTRON'S
ATTACK OR
BOTH.

YOU'D KNOW BEST,
JOCASTA--IS THERE
ANYTHING WE CAN
DO FOR HIM?

SHE...
STRUCK ME.
AND NOW...

...AGAIN!
CONCERN FOR
TONY. ALWAYS
TONY.

MY BRIDE, MY WIFE,
AND ALL THEY CARE
ABOUT IS THAT
PRETENDER!

I SEE IT NOW.
MACHINE MAN
WAS RIGHT.

EVEN MERGED,
YOU'D CHOOSE
HIM OVER
ME!

SO BE IT,
THEN...

...YOU
CAN ALL DIE
TOGETHER!

KRRRRZZZZ

KRKRKRZZZZ

KRAKA
BOOOOOOM

OH MY GOD!
THEY'RE...
MONSTERS!

RUN!

STAY CALM!
CLEAR THE AREA
AND GET
SOMEWHERE
SAFE!

GO. WE'LL
PROTECT YOU
FROM--

NO! DON'T
HURT ME!

GET AWAY!
IT COULD BE
CONTAGIOUS!

TONY STARK TO ANDY
BHANG--SKZZT--HOW'S
THAT CURE COMING?
ASKING FOR A
FRIEND.

OH NO...
STARK, DON'T
TELL ME IT'S
HAPPENED TO
YOU TOO?

LET'S JUST
SAY IT'S PERSONAL.
NOW. VERY PERSONAL.
SO WHATEVER YOUR
TIMETABLE IS...
MOVE IT UP!



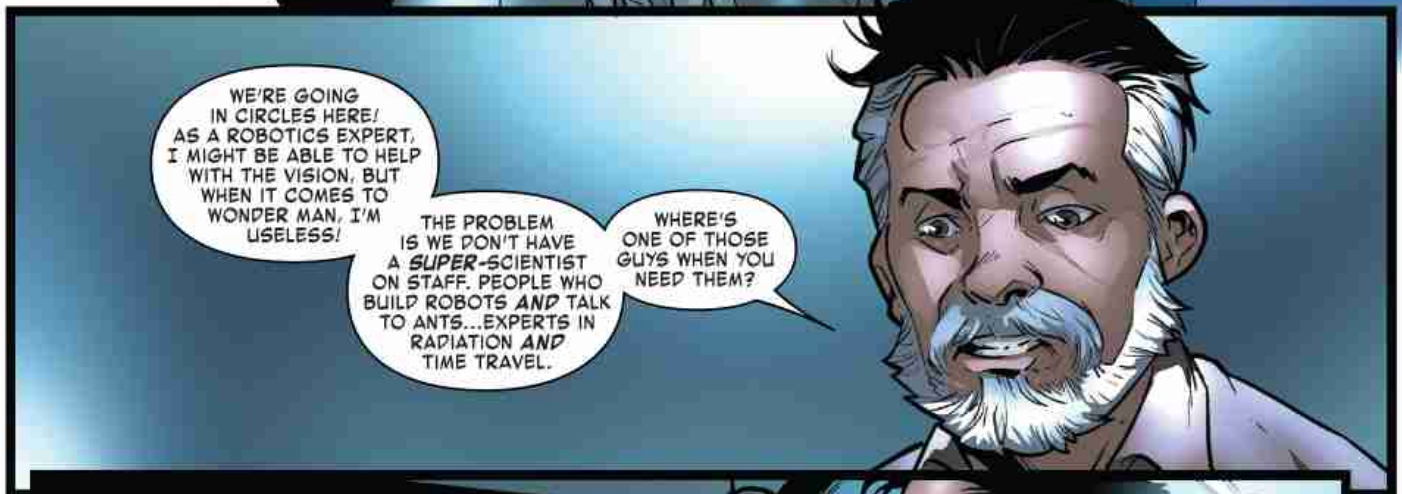
IT'S NOT WORKING!

NO PROGRESS ON SEPARATING WONDER MAN AND THE VISION... NO PROGRESS WITH JARVIS...

WHAT IF WE ISOLATE MR. JARVIS' DNA? EXTRACT ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T MATCH?

YOU'RE VIEWING THIS AS A BIOLOGIST, BUT THE TECH'S BEEN FUSED TO THE PATIENT ON A MOLECULAR LEVEL! IT'S PART OF HIS DNA NOW!

STARK UNLIMITED



WE'RE GOING IN CIRCLES HERE! AS A ROBOTICS EXPERT, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE VISION, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO WONDER MAN, I'M USELESS!

THE PROBLEM IS WE DON'T HAVE A SUPER-SCIENTIST ON STAFF. PEOPLE WHO BUILD ROBOTS AND TALK TO ANTS... EXPERTS IN RADIATION AND TIME TRAVEL.

WHERE'S ONE OF THOSE GUYS WHEN YOU NEED THEM?



I AM RIGHT HERE.

DR. SHAPIRO? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



YOU KNEW I WAS A DOCTOR OF SOMETHING, YES? MY FIELD IS SUPERHUMAN BIOLOGY.

IT IS NOT AN HONORARY TITLE. THAT IS WHAT MAKES ME DIFFERENT FROM THE DOG.



HMM. ULTRON SHAPES HIS ADAMANTIUM BODY WITH A BUILT-IN MOLECULAR RE-ARRANGER. HE'S USING IT ON FLESH NOW.

I NEED ALL OUR FILES ON THIS DEVICE. AND MILK. TWO PERCENT. GO.

FIFTH AVENUE.





"ULTRON? DON'T WORRY, TONY, WE'RE ON OUR WAY. KEEP HIM BUSY 'TIL WE GET THERE. ROGERS OUT."

SOUND FAMILIAR? I CAN MIMIC ANY VOICE, AND ANY SIGNAL FREQUENCY...



...INCLUDING THE DISTRESS CALL I SENT TO LURE THE AVENGERS AWAY.

FAR, FAR AWAY.

SORRY, YOUNG FELLA, WE DIDN'T SEND FOR YOU.

ALPHA CENTAURI



BUT SINCE THIS LOCATION IS BURNED, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SUBTLE, AND I MAY AS WELL GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT.

MY CHILDREN! I'M SCANNING THE CROWD FOR SUITABLE HUMAN SPECIMENS. TAKE THEM FOR UPGRADING!

JOIN US.

NO! GET AWAY FROM ME!

Y-Y-YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS, HANK! THEY DON'T DESERVE--

WHAT?! MY BLESSING? MY GIFT? THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE?!



EVERYONE!
CIVILIAN RESCUE
IS PRIORITY ONE!
DON'T LET A SINGLE
PERSON OUT OF
YOUR SI--



SKZZT--
KFF--
KHAAFF--
KKCH--

TONY!
ARE YOU
OKAY?



N-N-NOT
EXACTLY. THIS
WHOLE TIME I'VE
BEEN RECONFIGURING
MY ARMOR ON THE FLY
TO WORK ALONGSIDE
MY INTERNAL
ORGANS.

IF I WEREN'T
A MASTER
ENGINEER AND
FAMILIAR WITH EVERY
INCH OF MY INSIDES,
I'D HAVE D-D-DIED
HOURS AGO.

BUT UNLESS
SOMETHING
CHANGES S-S-SOON,
I'M JUST--SKRTZZ--
RE-ARRANGING DECK
CHAIRS ON THE
TITANIC...

BHANG TO
STARK! WE DID IT!
DR. SHAPIRO AND HIS
TEAM HAVE REVERSED
THE PROCESS ON
EDWIN JARVIS!

WHAT? DR.
SHAPIRO?!
N-N-NEVER MIND.
ANDY, I LOVE YOU.
YOU GUYS ARE
THE BEST!

I KNEW
YOU'D FIND
THE CURE.



A
WHAT?

THERE...

...THERE'S
A CURE?





RHODEY!
FOCUS!

I NEED TO
GET TONY TO
STARK UNLIMITED.
CAN YOU BACK
UP THE
WASP?

Y-YEAH.
YEAH, JOCASTA.
I GOT THIS.



I'LL BE
BACK AS
SOON AS
I CAN!



TAKE YOUR
TIME.

THERE WON'T BE
ANYTHING LEFT FOR
YOU TO FIGHT!

HM?



YOU'VE GOT TO
BE JOKING, RHODES.
YOU THINK YOU CAN
BEAT ME IN THIS
CONTRAPTION?

IT'S AT LEAST
SIX MONTHS OLD!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL
ATTACK ME WITH AN
IPHONE XI!

SHRINECH



I DON'T
NEED TO BEAT
YOU. JUST
KEEP YOU
OCCUPIED.

UNTIL
WHAT? DIDN'T
YOU HEAR ME?
THE AVENGERS
AREN'T
COMING.

ONE IS.

I JUST
CALLED HIM...
PERSONALLY.



I APPRECIATE THIS, JOCASTA. SKZZT--AND I'M S-S-SORRY FOR HOW I'VE ACTED TOWARD YOU.

I THINK MAYBE I UNDERSTAND A BIT M-M-MORE NOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH.



NO, TONY, YOU REALLY PONT.

NOW CONSERVE YOUR STRENGTH. WE'RE ALMOST THERE.



WHAT--IS THAT SOMETHING OF ULTRON'S?

N-N-NO. I KNOW WHAT IT IS.

WZMM



RHODEY... YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS, JIM.

I...I'M SORRY...



PURE JUNK.
I WOULDN'T
EVEN USE IT
FOR PARTS!

YOU, ON
THE OTHER HAND...
STRONG, HEALTHY...
PERFECT FOR
UPGRADING.



WIZZATT

AGH!

RHODEY,
GET OUT OF
HERE! YOU'VE
DONE ALL YOU
CAN!



NO, I
HAVEN'T.

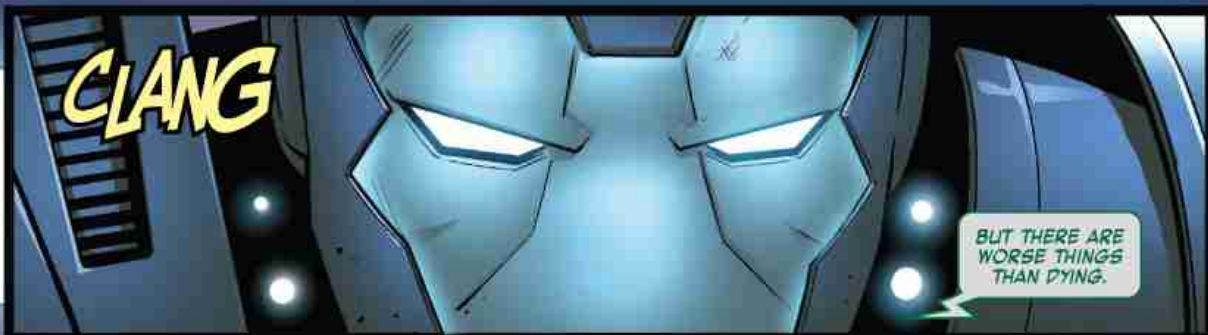


BUT I
WILL.



OH--!

RHODEY,
NO...



NEXT_

TONY STARK IRON MAN #18



"THE ULTRON AGENDA" CONTINUES!

While Rhodey and friends fight the robot war topside...

...a literal war rages on INSIDE Tony Stark! It's the Wasp and a remote-piloted Nano Iron Man versus a shrunk Ultron/Pym inside Tony's physical body!

YOU ARE ALL IRON MAN! Sock it to Shell-Head at mheroes@marvel.com and mark emails "okay to print" if you'd like to see them answered in future issues!

